

Mrs. Mills was also there and Hall stayed at the camp for several days, returning over the weekend to preach on Sunday. Mrs. Hall was in one of the parties of several cars which took the women from New Brunswick to Point Pleasant. It is her recollection that she drove some of the Mills family down herself. She recalls nothing of the conversation. She stayed several hours while tents were being arranged, etc., and then returned to New Brunswick. Mills states that on his wife's return from the camp at Point Pleasant she told him that some boys had attempted to frighten the women in the absence of Mr. Hall; that Mills then asked her, "Why don't Mr. Hall have any protection?" Mrs. Mills then said, "Yes, Mr. Hall had an automatic pistol, 32 caliber, with a handle like an umbrella." The other women at the camp say that they saw no firearms of any kind at the camp and Mills himself says that he never saw Hall handle a revolver, nor did Hall ever tell him that he owned one. (Mills may have told this story in order to indicate that a 32 caliber automatic was in the Hall house. When he told the story to investigators, the papers had stated that the murders had been committed with a 32 caliber automatic.)

Mr. and Mrs. Hall left New Brunswick on July 31st for their vacation, which they spent at Islesford, and island off the coast of Maine. While there Hall wrote Mrs. Mills various letters, postmarked from Seal Harbor, Maine, a postoffice on a nearby island. One of these letters, dated "Sunday afternoon", refers to an incident at Point Pleasant, concerning which Hall says:

"About Mrs. Hall - she hasn't said a word about you & I don't think has changed toward you - but her remarks at Point Pleasant were foolish and entirely uncalled for. I don't blame you for being hurt - you know how I feel about them. Dearest, don't let it trouble you. I didn't show her your letter to me - but you were wise to send it to Islesford - for she might have commented if no letter came from you. But she didn't ask to see it - just said, 'Is there any news from Eleanor?'. As for writing to her - do just as seems best to you - it will be all right either way."

Mrs. Hall has no recollection of any conversations in which she might have wounded the feelings of Mrs. Mills, nor any incident to which the above quotation could relate.

While at Islesford Hall appears to have kept a diary, the first entry in which is dated "Monday, July 31st", and the last entry "Tuesday, August 22nd". The entry of Monday, August 14th, has a concluding paragraph as follows: